

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-33. (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) A picture framing system comprising:

a wall strip having a first arm and a second arm;

a transparent envelope having a front surface a rear surface, with the front surface connecting with the rear surface at a U-bend,

the front surface having an upper edge adapted to slide ~~into a slot in the wall strip~~ between the first and second arms; and

a cover attachable to the wall strip, with the cover dimensioned so that it overlies the wall strip entirely.

35. (Currently Amended) The picture framing system of claim 34 with the rear surface having a upper edge spaced apart from the upper edge of the front surface, and with the upper edge of the rear surface not contacting the wall strip when the front surface is engaged ~~into the slot in the wall strip~~ between the first and second arms.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The picture framing system of claim 34 further comprising a slot in the wall strip substantially perpendicular to the first and second arms, and the cover having a tab extending into the slot, to attach the cover onto the wall strip.

38. (Previously Presented) The picture framing system of claim 34 wherein the rear surface of the front panel is biased into contact with the front surface of the front panel.

39. (Currently Amended) A picture framing system comprising:

a wall strip having a front arm spaced apart from a back arm, and having a slot extending perpendicular to the back arm;

an envelope having an upper end and a lower end, with the upper end adapted to slide ~~[[into]]~~ between and remain held ~~within a slot in the wall strip between~~ by the first and second arms, and with the envelope having a front surface connecting to a rear surface at a U-bend, at the lower end of the envelope; and

a cover having a tab engageable into the slot on the wall strip, for holding the cover onto the wall strip.

40. (Previously Presented) The framing system of claim 39 wherein the dimensions of the cover substantially match the dimensions of the wall strip.

41. (Previously Presented) The framing system of claim 39 wherein the front and rear surfaces can be temporarily separated to form a gap to allow a photograph to be inserted between them.